

New York Stock Market

New York, February 23.—The stagnant and inert stock market to-day was suggestive of the arrival of the speculation at a stage of waiting for the development of new forces. The room traders labored to move prices and to turn small fractional profits at the expense of each other, to-day. No large or important transaction took place during the day's transactions. The sales fell to a figure lower than for a year past and there were long intervals when nothing was done on the floor of the Stock Exchange.

The transaction connected with the street cars struck in Philadelphia is disquieting to sentiment and disturbs the feeling of confidence that pending labor controversies were to be worked out in a spirit of compromise.

The returns from Baltimore and Ohio negotiations with the employees upon a critical stage increased the interest in the topic. That stock and New York Tractions showed some positive depression in response. The rise in Readings was without authoritative explanation, but the market varied somewhat from those recently prevalent, shifting to intimations of construction of control by the other railroads interested in that property. The emergence of the crops from the fields during the winter is being studied closely, and this is an influence on the present speculation. Money was apparently firmer both here and abroad.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales passed value \$3,750,000. United States bonds were unchanged on all. Total sales of stocks for the day were \$22,300 shares.

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New York, February 23.—Money on call easy 2 1/2 per cent.; on deposit rate 2 7/8 closing bid, 2 7/8 offered at 3 per cent. Time loans, steady and dull; sixty days, 3 1/2, and ninety days, 3 1/2-3 3/4; six months, 3 3/4-4 1/4 per cent. Mercantile paper, 1 1/2-2 per cent. Sterling exchange strong with actual business, bid 4 1/2 mills, and at \$4,5445/456 for sixty days. Commercial bills, \$1,833 7 1/2-\$4,84 3 3/8. Bar silver, 52; Mexican dollars, 44.

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., February 23, 1910.

Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac, Div. Obligation—1,700 at 24.

STATE SECURITIES. Bid Asked.

North Carolina, 1st Mort., 99 ...

Virginia 1st, C. & R., 1882-1884 ...

Centuries, 2d, C. and R., 1901-1902 ...

RAILROAD BONDS.

A. C. L. R. Co., Tr. 1st, etc., 94 ...

A. C. L. R. Co., Chfs. of Inds., 1st ...

C. & O. R. and Gen'l M., 142 ...

Georgia, 1st, 2d, etc., 1922 ...

Georgia, 2d, and Fla., 1915 ...

Ga. and Ala. Cons., 1917 ...

Norfolk and West. Ry., 1884 ...

Bach. and Dan. Gold, 6d, C. L.D., 105 ...

Bach. and Pet. Cons., 1915 ...

Chicago, 1st, 2d, etc., 1915 ...

Southern, 1st, 2d, etc., 1884 ...

Southern Pacific, 1st, 2d, etc., 1884 ...

Sou. St. Div., G. M., 18, 196 ...

Western N. C. 1st, C. 1914 ...

STREET RAILWAY BONDS.

Va. Ry. and Power Co., 1881 ...

St. Louis Ry. and Power Co., 1881 ...

St. Louis, 1st, 2d, etc., 1914 ...

ACTUAL WHOLESALE QUOTATIONS.

LIVE POULTRY.

Chickens, small per lb.

Hen, small, per lb.

Hens, large, per lb.

Ducks, large, per lb.

Ducks, small, per lb.

Turkeys, gobblers, per lb.

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Geese, choice, large each.

Geese, small and thin, each.

Pigeons, each, as to size and quality.

DRESSED POULTRY.

(Unrawed, feet and head off.)

Turkeys, hens, per lb.

Ducks, goslings, per lb.

Ducks, young, per lb.

Geese, choice, per lb.

Geese, small and thin, each.

Pigeons, each, as to size and quality.

BUTTER.

Choice, dairy, per lb.

Choice, family, per lb.

Choice, store, per lb.

Medium, grades, per lb.

LIVE STOCK.

Veal, choice, per lb.

Veal, choice, as to size and quality.

Calves, runners, as to size and quality.

Lamb, spring, choice, lb.

Lamb, small and thin, lb.

Sheep, per lb.

Cattle, choice to prime, lb.

Hogs, choice, prime, lb.

Hogs, choice, large, lb.

Sausage, choice, lb.

Pies, choice, each.

Fowl, choice, each.

Fowl, choice, per dozen.

DRILLED FRUITS.

Peaches, choice, peeled, lb.

Peaches, dark, peeled, lb.

Peaches, unpeeled, lb.

Apples, evaporated, lb.

Apples, puree, lb.

Apples, bright, sun-dried, quartered, per lb.

Apples, dark, per lb.

PEAS AND BEANS.

Peas, blackeye, choice, large, lb.

Peas, blackeye, small, lb.

Peas, clay, bus.

Peas, black, bus.

Peas, choice, small, navy, bu.

Potatoes, Irish, choice, bu.

Potatoes, Irish, very, bu.

MAINTAINING CONDITIONS.

Poultry—all kinds continue active with light receipts. Eggs—Biscuits moderate; market little lower, but active and fairly steady this evening. Live Stock—All kinds continue in good demand at quotations.

COTTON MARKETS.

New York, February 23.—The selling movement, which caused the sharp decline of Saturday, was now on the opening of the week, and the market showed a further decline amounting to 10 points, or about old crop months. The decline was a little up from the bottom, but while the final total was probably priced showed a loss of 20-25 cents for each bushel. After showing a net loss of about 10-12 cents per bushel, slight rallies occurred as a result of continuing by trade and speculative shorts, but the spot houses who bought March and May futures in the market declined again after the close of Liverpool, the market again weakened under rumors of the Southern offerings. At these low points March contracts sold at 13.65, May at 13.50 and July at 13.50-13.60 points net lower, and even at this time the market remained quiet to covering. Southern spot markets only reported were unchanged to the lower, but there was no other confirmation of the reported selling Southern offerings, and generally speaking, the decline was attributed to the influence of a strong foreign spot demand, and the nearer approach of the planting season rather than to any particular item in the day's news. Houses with southern cotton connections were the big sellers during the day, and the character of the business suggested an abandonment of the May contracts.

Receipts at the ports to-day were 12,228 bales against 24,030 last week and 16,072 last year; for 1909, 2,000 bales against 10,108 last week and 1,600 last year. To-day's receipts at New Orleans 2,000 bales against 2,000 last year.

Cotton futures opened easy and closed steady.

Open, High, Low, Close.

February 13, 13.65 13.65 13.50 13.50

March 13.65 13.50 13.50 13.50

April 13.77 13.75 13.75 13.75

May 13.64 13.64 13.62 13.62

June 13.58 13.58 13.58 13.58

July 13.59 13.59 13.58 13.58

August 13.75 13.75 13.50 13.50

September 13.75 13.75 13.50 13.50

October 13.65 13.65 13.50 13.50

November 13.65 13.65 13.50 13.50

December 13.65 13.65 13.50 13.50

Spot cotton closed quiet, 10 points lower, middling uplands, 13.50; middling gulf, 13.50.

COTTON, quiet; middling, 14.20; gross receipts, 833 bales; sales, 1,250 bales, stock, 1,000 bales.

Total to-day at all ports—Net receipts, 1,223 bales; export to Great Britain, 144 bales; to France, 33 bales; stock, 653,222 bales.

Consolidated at all ports—Net receipts, 6,664 bales; export to Great Britain, 1,300.

Official Range and Sale of Stocks in New York

By THOMAS BRANCH & CO., Bankers and Brokers.

Bid Asked SALES:

Open High Low Closing.

Amer. Agri. Chem., Co., 12 12 12 12

Amer. Chalmers, pfds. 12 12 12 12

Amalgamated Copper, 75 75 75 75

American Can, 115 115 115 115

American Can, pfds. 75 75 75 75

Amer. Car and Foundry, 65 65 65 65

Amer. Cotton Oil, 55 55 55 55

Amer. Locomotive, 51 51 51 51

Amer. Locomotive, pfds. 51 51 51 51

American Smelting, 84 84 84 84

American Sugar, 384 384 384 384

American Tobacco, 100 100 100 100

Amer. Tel. and Tel. Co., 100 100 100 100

American Tobacco, pfds. 100 100 100 100

Amer. Tobacco Co., 91 91 91 91

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Atlantic Coast Line, 125 125 125 125

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A. C. L. of Conn., warbs, 150 150 150 150

A. C. L. of Conn., 1st pfds. 150 150 150 150

A. C. L. of Conn., 2d pfds. 150 150 150 150

A. C. L. of Conn., 3d pfds. 150 150 150 150

A. C. L. of Conn., 4th pfds. 150 150 150 150

A. C. L. of Conn., 5th pfds. 150 150 150 150

A. C. L. of Conn., 6th pfds. 150 150 150 150

A. C. L. of Conn., 7th pfds. 150 150 150 150

A. C. L. of Conn., 8th pfds. 150 150 150 150